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In response to the office action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the subject patent application as follows. The changes made to the claims by the present amendment are shown in the attachment hereto, the first page of which is captioned "Version marked to show changes made."

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 2, 17 and 25 with the following rewritten claims:

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Independent claims after amendment 3 minus highest number Previously paid for 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00		\$	0.00
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